

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-9 (Cancelled)

10 (New): A composition comprising:

an alkaline buffer having a pH of 9.0 to 10.0; and

an anti-Norovirus antibody or an anti-Sapovirus antibody;

wherein said composition has a pH ranging from 9.0 to 10.0.

11 (New): The composition of claim 10, wherein said alkaline buffer is Tris buffer.

12 (New): The composition of claim 10, wherein said alkaline buffer is Good's buffer.

13 (New): The composition of claim 10, wherein said alkaline buffer is borate buffer or carbonate buffer.

14 (New): The composition of claim 10 further comprising an anti-Norovirus antibody that is labeled.

15 (New): The composition of claim 10 further comprising an anti-Sapovirus antibody that is labeled.

16 (New): The composition of claim 10 further comprising an animal globulin.

17 (New): The composition of claim 10 further comprising a surfactant.

18 (New): The composition of claim 10 further comprising a water-soluble polymer.

19 (New): The composition of claim 10 that has a salt concentration ranging from 1 to 8% by mass.

20 (New): A method for detecting a Norovirus in a specimen comprising:
contacting a specimen to be tested for the presence of Norovirus with an immobilized anti-Norovirus antibody in the composition of claim 10 at a pH of 9 to 10, and
detecting binding;
wherein binding is indicative of the presence of Norovirus in the specimen.

21 (New): A method of claim 20, wherein the specimen is simultaneously reacted at a pH of 9 to 10 with the immobilized anti-Norovirus antibody and with a labeled anti-Norovirus antibody.

22 (New): A method for detecting a Sapovirus in a specimen comprising:
contacting a specimen to be tested for the presence of Sapovirus with an immobilized anti-Norovirus antibody in the composition of claim 10 at a pH of 9 to 10, and
detecting binding;
wherein binding is indicative of the presence of Sapovirus in the specimen.

23 (New): A method of claim 22, wherein the specimen is simultaneously reacted with the immobilized anti-Sapovirus antibody and with a labeled anti-Sapovirus antibody at a pH ranging from 9 to 10.